

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [39] beginning on page 8 of the specification as follows:

[39] When raw gas containing hydrocarbon fuel is supplied to reformer 120, as shown in Fig. 1, and filtered through honeycomb filter 200, illustrated in Fig. 2, soot contained in the raw gas is trapped in the cavities and surface of partition 250, and hydrocarbon fuel is converted to reformed gas containing hydrogen and carbon monoxide in the presence of the reform catalyst.